

STATEMENT TO HOUSE OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

MY NAME IS BILL CRANE AND I HAVE A COTTAGE 5 DOORS WEST OF THE BRIDGE.

I AM AN ATTORNEY AND REPRESENTED CONSUMERS POWER ON PIPELINE AND POWER LINE CASES FOR OVER 20 YEARS

I WAS APPOINTED BY PRESIDENT GEORGE HW BUSH DEPUTY GENERAL COUNSEL AT THE US DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY. I WAS INVOLVED IN MULTI HUNDRED MILLION DOLLAR POLLUTION CLEAN UP CASES BOTH NEUCULAR AND NON NEUCULAR

I WAS APPOINTED BY GOVERNOR ENGLER A CIRCUIT JUDGE AND SAT BY APPOINTMENT THREE TERMS ON THE MICHIGAN COURT OF APPEALS

I ATTENDED THE DEQ HEARING LAST JULY AT MACKINAW CITY ON THE LATEST REQUEST FOR 48 MORE PERMITS. I LEARNED TO MY AMAZMENT THAT ALTHOUGH THE PIPELINE STRUCTURE WAS CHANGED TO SUPPORT THE NOW HALF OFF THE BOTTOM PIPE, THEY NEVER HAD AN INDEPENDENT STRUCTURAL, CIVIL, OR METALURGICAL ENGINEER REVIEW THE PRESENT STRUCTURE. THIS IS IN CLEAR VIOLATION OF THE SUBMERGED LANDS ACT AND THE MICHIGAN CONSTITUTION.

DR. EDWIN TIMM, A RETIRED STRUCTURAL ENGINEER FROM DOW, PRESENTED A THROUGH REPORT. AFTER NO RESPONSE FROM THE DEQ, I CONFERRED WITH DR. JACK SIMON WHO I DELT WITH AT THE US DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY. HE IS ONE OF THE MOST PROMENT METALLURGICAL ENGINEERS IN THE WORLD. HE SINCE SERVED AS PRESIDENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF METALLURGICAL ENGINEERS. HE WROTE ME A PEER REVIEW OF DR. TIMM'S REPORT.

BOTH DR. TIMM AND AS DR. SIMON STATED #5 IS "A TRAGIC ACCIDENT WAITING TO HAPPEN". HE ALSO FELT GIVEN THE PIPE IS ABOVE THE BOTTOM IT IS SUBJECT TO SERIOUS METALURGICAL STRESS ISSUES THAN WHEN IT LAY ON THE BOTTOM.

I WAS ALSO SADDENED THAT THE MACKINAC BRIDGE AUTHORITY HAS BECOME INVOLVED.

YOU HAVE ALREADY APPROPRIATED MILLIONS AND FROM MY EXPERIENCE YOU WILL BE APPROPRIATING MANY MORE MILLIONS OF TAX PAYER DOLLARS. WHEN AND NOT WHETHER THIS TRAGIC ACCIDENT

HAPPENS, MANY THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE WILL BE SERIOUSLY DAMAGED AND SOME INCLUDING BUSINESSMEN WILL FACE BANKRUPTCY.

ALTHOUGH POLLUTERS NORMALLY PAY, EMBRIDGE'S DAMAGES HAVE BEEN CAPPED. AFTER REVIEWING STANDARD AND POOR AND MOODY CREDIT RATINGS, I AM CONVINCED, THEY WILL NOT PAY THE MANY BILLIONS IN DAMAGES.

I SENT TO EVERY SENATOR AND REPRESENTATIVE DR. SIMON'S ONE PAGE REPORT AND BIO AS WELL AS DR TIMM'S REPORT. NEITHER I NOR DR. SIMON HAS RECEIVED ONE CALL.

I AM PUZZLED AND VERY WORRIED.

A VOTE FOR 1197 WILL PERMANENTLY TARNISH PURE MICHIGAN.

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